

you now to bear witness that I refuse to day or at any future time to marry Paul Merriek, and that no argument or persuasion will induce me to do so. And I wish," raising her hand to keep silence—"I wish to say publicly that it is no fault or ill doing of Colonel Merriek's that has driven me to this resolve. I say this as in the sight of Almighty God. Nobody argued, or scarcely, induced spoke to her. Every one saw that she was physically a very ill woman; and it was commonly believed that she had received some sudden shock which had unbinged her mind. An hour afterward the searching party came in (for the young men, not finding Houston Fimmers had gone out again to search for him. They had found his dead body concealed in the woods by Mill's spring. You know the place. There was a pistol shot through the head, and a leather pocket book, which had apparently contained money, was found empty a few feet